



Swim Wales Summer Open Meet (50m) 2015

Incorporating British Swimming Home Nation Summer Events

The 2015 Swim Wales Summer Open Meet incorporating Home Nation Summer events will be held at the Wales National Pool, Swansea from Thursday 23rd – Wednesday 29th July 2015. The meet will be open to all swimmers registered as members of Swim Wales, ASA, SASA or a competitor registered with one of the countries affiliated to FINA who meet the qualifying standard. The Home Nation Summer events will be offered as guaranteed places to the 16 Welsh swimmers who have qualified via the qualification window: 13th March – 31st May and are not ranked in the top 24 swimmers in an event eligible British Summer Championships.

Entry will be through two online systems as follows:

1. Entry for Welsh swimmers ranked top 16 outside of the British Summer Championships
2. Open entry with restricted heats on a first come first serve basis.

Top 16 online entry system will open: **Wed 10th June @ 12 noon.**

Open meet online entry system will open: **Wed 17th June @ 8am.**

Both systems will close on: **Tue 30th June @ 12 noon.**

Official event web page: <http://www.swimwales.org/events/swim-wales-summer-open-meet-2015.aspx?date=2015-07-23>

Licence No: WL150507

General Conditions

- (a) Swim Wales reserves full control over all Swim Wales National competition.
- (b) The 2015 meet shall be held on 23rd -29th July.
- (c) The meet will be run under the Swim Wales general meet conditions, FINA Technical Rules of swimming and any additional conditions published in the Meet Information.
- (d) Entries may only be accepted from competitors registered as members of Swim Wales, ASA or SASA, or competitors from one of the countries affiliated to FINA.
- (e) Ages as at 31st December 2015 (year of birth)
- (f) Short course or long course converted times will not be accepted for this meet.

The events

(a) Age Groups: Individual

Male & Female: 11/12, 13, 14, 15/16 years and 17 years & over

Male & Female (English registered): 12, 13, 14, 15/16 years and 17 years & over

Multi classification: Male & Female: 11 years & over (S2-S14)

Age Groups: Relays

Male & Female: Age Group: 11-14 years / Youth: 11-18 years

Male & Female: Age Group (English registered) 12-14 years / Youth: 12-18 years

- (b) All events are open
- (c) For all age groups the 400m, 800m & 1500m will be Heat Declared Winner
- (d) For all age groups the 50m, 100m & 200m will be heats and finals
- (e) For all age groups Relays will be Heat Declared Winners
- (f) Heats will be seeded slow to fast with the fastest three heats of non Heat Declared Winner events being cyclically seeded.
- (g) Multi classification events will be seeded slow to fast regardless of classification
- (h) Finals will be swum for multi-classification events unless there are less than 4 competitors in the final, where the heat will then become Heat Declared Winner based on British Disability points

Entries

- (a) Entries shall be received by the National Entries Administrator by the relevant closing date accompanied by the relevant entry fee. (Individual £9.00 Relays £17). Entry will be by means of an online system. Cheques/BACS payments will not be accepted for payment. Payment must be made for all entries at the time of entry via the online system. Entry will be on a first come first serve basis with heat events being restricted. Entry for each event will close as soon as the allocated numbers of places are full. Please see separate 'event schedule' for heat allocation.

- (b) Up to 16 places in each event will be reserved for WASA registered swimmers or those swimmers who have chosen to represent Wales as part of their membership registration and are ranked below the British Summer Championship places. These places are not included in the heat allocation shown on the 'event schedule' referred to above.
- (c) Entries from overseas competitors will be accepted using the 'overseas entry' form on the event webpage
- (d) All competitors entering 'open events' must have equalled or bettered the entry qualifying time in an event designated or licensed by Swim Wales, ASA or SASA for entry into National Competition or, foreign competitors, approved by their Federation. Times must have been achieved since 29th July 2014.
- (e) The National Entries Administrator may request validation of any stated entry time.
- (f) Entry must be achieved in a 50m or 25m pool.
- (g) Split times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not accepted for entry.
- (h) Competitors will not be permitted to enter any event that they have been invited to enter at the 2015 British Summer Championships, ASA/ SASA Summer event. However, competitors may enter any event in which they have not been invited to enter in the above meets.
- (i) Any competitor who qualifies for an event in the 2015 British Summer Championships or the ASA/ SASA Summer event cannot enter any Relay under that stroke

Administration

- (a) Coaches will be required to obtain an accreditation pass in advance of the closing date for entries, unless they hold a Swim Wales Annual Coaches pass. Application forms for accreditation are available from the event webpage.
- (b) Coach's accreditation will be issued on arrival at the competition venue. Please bring photographic ID for collection purposes. No passes will be issued during the meet.
- (c) Chaperone passes can be applied for free of charge for swimmers S2-S4 & S11
- (d) All competing clubs will have an information box located at the Information Desk in the front reception area. This will be used for communication purposes during the meet.

Team Declarations

- (a) Clubs must complete a team declaration form, which must be handed to the Information Desk at least **60 minutes** before the advertised start of the warm up of the session in which the relevant team event takes place. Teams not complying with this instruction will lose their right to compete. Where a club has more than one team in an event, a swimmer who has been declared for one team may not compete for another team in the same event.

Withdrawal from heats

- (a) Swim Wales no longer require withdrawal notification from heats. Lanes will be swum empty where a competitor is not present.
- (b) Competitors who have entered into any long distances events (400m, 800m & 1500m) must sign in at the Information desk located in the front reception. Long distances sign in will close **10 minutes** after the **start** of the warm up for the session the event is to be swum in.

Withdrawal from Finals

- (a) 8 swimmers and 2 reserves will be declared for each final. A list of athletes will be produced **half an hour** after each withdrawal period has closed and posted at both of the ends of the pool and on the spectators gallery. Reserve swimmers **must** contact their coaches to ascertain if they are required to be present at the final session.
- (b) Individual finalists and reserve finalists shall declare to the Chief Recorder situated beneath the scoreboard, within **15 minutes** of the last individual event in the heat session, if they intend to withdraw from a final. The withdrawal should be made on the official withdrawal form. Any swimmer who does not withdraw and does not present for the final session will be fined £50.
- (c) Competitors withdrawing on medical grounds after the expiry of the imposed deadline shall have their withdrawal endorsed by the Event Manager or such person as he/she shall nominate.
- (d) An individual competitor shall be fined the sum of £50 if they fail to notify the Chief Recorder of a withdrawal within the stipulated time.

Marshalling

- (a) **Heats:** Swimmers must report to poolside marshalling located adjacent to the changing village entrance. Swimmers should follow the directions given by the Steward. It is the swimmers responsibility to report in good time.
- (b) **Finals:** Finalists must report to the Call Room prior to their final event. We would suggest arriving 2-3 events before the final being swum. They shall remain in the Call Room until taken to the poolside for their race.
- (c) Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the Call Room, during the finals, at any time.

Medals

- (a) Medals will be awarded to the swimmers placed first, second and third in all events.
- (b) Multi-classification events will be awarded 1st – 3rd place calculated on British Disability points.
- (c) There will not be formal poolside presentations, all medals should be collected from the reception area of the pool.

Doping Control

- (a) Competitors taking part in the competition may be subject to random doping control.

Spectator Fees

- (a) Session, day and weekend tickets will be available for spectators. Tickets will be limited based on available seating areas. Pre-event tickets will go on sale via the event website.

Ticket prices: £4 per session

£7 per day (two sessions/finals free)

£42 week pass (only sold on the first day of the meet)

- (b) Concessionary rates are available for disability, students and senior citizens if supported with valid documentation.

Photography

- (a) During the competition professional photographers or the media appointed by Swim Wales maybe present. Any photographs taken maybe published.

(b) When the competition involves young persons under the age of 18 years all types of photographic/videoing equipment (including a mobile phone with image capturing facility) should be registered on arrival. Photographic bands should be visible when using any equipment.